



An Introduction to Trilinos

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Outline

- Preliminary mention of “class classifications.”
- Overview of Trilinos components.
- Using Epetra/AztecOO for solving linear systems.
- Epetra base and utility classes.
- Briefly: Epetra Import/Export Capabilities.
- Introduction to TSF Abstract Class Hierarchy.
- Status and availability of Trilinos components.



Class Classifications: Interface vs. Implementation

- **Modern languages (C++, Java, F95, C#?) provide powerful capabilities to separate:**
 - **Interface: What should be done with whom.**
 - **Implementation: How it is done.**
- **Concept is not new. Example: BLAS.**
 - **Single Fortran interface.**
 - **Reference Fortran implementation.**
 - **Numerous assembly language implementations.**
 - **C implementation in ATLAS.**
 - **However, Non-Fortran implementations not portable.**



Class Classifications

- **Abstract class: Interface only (just header files).**
 - Cannot construct them.
 - Can be passed in as arguments.
 - Can call methods from this class.
 - Methods tend to be generic, conceptual in nature.
 - Bottom line: User focused, attention to the big picture.
- **Concrete class: Interface and code.**
 - Can be constructed, passed in, methods used.
 - Provide specific functionality and interfaces, powerful capabilities.
 - Bottom line: Internally focused, attention to the detailed picture.
- **Adaptor class: Glue to combine abstract and concrete.**
 - Combines the best of both class types:
 - Abstract class interface.
 - Capabilities of concrete class.
 - Hides the implementation details from abstract class user.
 - Support multiple concrete implementations via multiple adaptors.



Trilinos Classes

- Trilinos provides all three types of classes:
 - **Abstract:**
 - Equation Solver Interface (ESI)
 - *de facto* standard for abstract linear solver interfaces.
 - Finite Element Interface (FEI)
 - Commonly used interface for finite element codes.
 - Trilinos Solver Framework (TSF)
 - Extensive, multi-purpose abstract class hierarchy.
 - **Concrete:**
 - Many, listed next...
 - **Adaptor:**
 - Many.
 - Implement each class of ESI, FEI and TSF using one or more appropriate concrete classes.
 - Implement TSF using third party libraries, e.g., PETSc, SuperLU, etc.



What is Trilinos?

- Trilinos¹ is Sandia's multifaceted solver project.
- Encompasses efforts in:
 - Linear solvers.
 - Eigen solvers.
 - Nonlinear and time-dependent solvers.
 - Others.
- Provides a common framework for current and future solver projects at Sandia.
- Specifically provides:
 - A common set of concrete linear algebra objects for solver development and application interfaces.
 - A consistent set of solver interfaces via abstract classes (API) .



¹Trilinos, pronounced tree-lee-nose, is a Greek word that, loosely translated, means a “string of pearls”.



The Trilinos Solver Framework (TSF)

- TSF specifies a set of abstract classes for:
 - ParameterList (simple database).
 - Multivector (generalization of vector).
 - Operator. (base transformation class).
 - Problem (primary control class).
 - And specializations of these classes.
- These interfaces prescribe:
 - What these objects should do.
 - How they are related.
- *But do not specify the implementation.*



Trilinos Concrete Solver Components

- **Linear systems:**

- Multi-level preconditioners (ML: Tuminaro, Hu, Howle).
- Robust algebraic preconditioners (IFPACK: Heroux).
- Complex solvers (Komplex: Heroux, Day).
- Block iterative methods (BGMRES, BLCG: Barth, Lehoucq, Heroux).
- Object-oriented C++ AZTEC (AztecOO: Heroux).

- **Eigen systems:**

- Scalable generalized eigensolver (ANASAZI: Lehoucq).

- **Nonlinear systems:**

- Suite of nonlinear methods (NLS: Pawlowski, Kolda, Shadid).



Trilinos Concrete Support Component: Petra

Petra¹ provides distributed matrix and vector services:

- Construction of and operations with matrices, vectors and graphs.
- Parallel redistribution of all these objects (including a Zoltan interface).
- All Trilinos solver components understand and use Petra matrices and vectors.

Three version under development:

- **Epetra (*Essential Petra*):**

- Under development for the past 18 months.
- Restricted to real, double precision arithmetic.
- Uses stable core subset of C++.
- Interfaces accessible to C and Fortran users.

- **Tpetra (*Templated Petra*):**

- Next generation C++ version.
- Templated scalar fields (and perhaps ordinal fields).
- Uses namespaces, and STL: Improved usability/efficiency.

- **Jpetra (*Java Petra*):**

- Pure Java. Completely portable to any JVM.
- Interfaces with Java versions of MPI, LAPACK and BLAS.

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¹Petra is Greek for “foundation”.



Epetra/AztecOO

- **Much of the remaining talk focuses on Epetra/AztecOO.**
- **Reasons:**
 - **These two components will be released shortly.**
 - **These components are closely related to Aztec:**
 - **Should be of interest to current Aztec users.**
 - **Investment in Epetra is:**
 - **Primary hurdle to using any Trilinos component.**
 - **Easily leveraged to use other Trilinos components as they are released.**
 - **Possibly useful independent of the rest of Trilinos.**



Solving Linear Systems via Epetra/AztecOO

- **Goal:**

Solve $Ax = b$, using Epetra/AztecOO.

- **Proceed step-by-step through the following classes:**
 - **Comm:** Defines parallel machine.
 - **Map:** Defines data distribution.
 - **Vector:** Defines RHS/LHS vectors.
 - **Matrix:** Defines Linear Operator
 - **Problem:** Combines pieces to define linear problem.
 - **AztecOO:** Solves linear problem.



Epetra Details

- **Epetra contains constructors and utility routines for:**
 - **Distributed dense multivectors and vectors.**
 - **Local replicated multivectors, vectors.**
 - **Distributed Sparse Graphs and Matrices.**
- **Written in C++.**
- **C/Fortran wrapper functions provide access to library.**



Epetra User Class Categories

- **Parallel Machine:** Comm, SerialComm, MpiComm, MpiSmpComm
- **Data Layout:** Map, BlockMap, LocalMap
- **Vectors:** Vector, MultiVector
- **Graphs:** CrsGraph
- **Sparse Matrices:** RowMatrix, CrsMatrix, VbrMatrix
- **Aggregates:** LinearProblem
- **Utilities:** Time, Flops
- **Redistribution:** Import, Export, LbGraph, LbMatrix
- **Dense Matrices:** DenseMatrix, DenseVector, BLAS, LAPACK, SimpleSerialDenseSolver, HardSerialDenseSolver
- **Solver:** AztecOO (not part of Epetra, but related).



Epetra Communication Classes

- **Epetra_Comm is a pure virtual class:**
 - Has no executable code: Interfaces only.
 - Encapsulates behavior and attributes of the parallel machine.
 - Defines interfaces for basic services such as:
 - Collective communications.
 - Gather/scatter capabilities.
 - Allows multiple parallel machine implementations.
- **Implementation details of parallel machine confined to Comm classes.**
- **In particular, rest of Epetra has no dependence on MPI.**

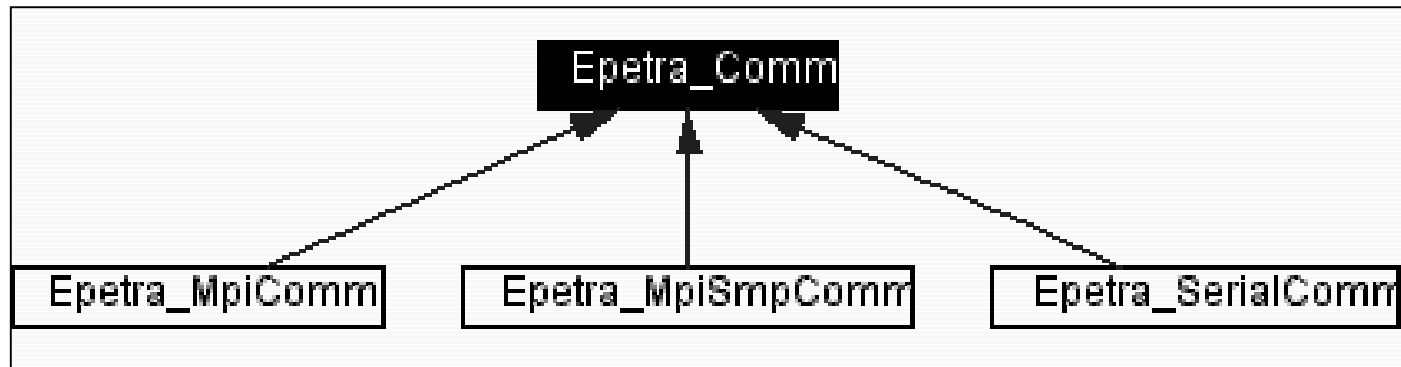


Comm Methods

- **Barrier**() const=0 [pure virtual]
- **Broadcast**(double *MyVals, int Count, int Root) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **Broadcast**(int *MyVals, int Count, int Root) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **CreateDistributor**() const=0 [pure virtual]
- **GatherAll**(double *MyVals, double *AllVals, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **GatherAll**(int *MyVals, int *AllVals, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **MaxAll**(double *PartialMaxs, double *GlobalMaxs, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **MaxAll**(int *PartialMaxs, int *GlobalMaxs, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **MinAll**(double *PartialMins, double *GlobalMins, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **MinAll**(int *PartialMins, int *GlobalMins, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **MyPID**() const=0 [pure virtual]
- **NumProc**() const=0 [pure virtual]
- **Print**(ostream &os) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **ScanSum**(double *MyVals, double *ScanSums, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **ScanSum**(int *MyVals, int *ScanSums, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **SumAll**(double *PartialSums, double *GlobalSums, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **SumAll**(int *PartialSums, int *GlobalSums, int Count) const=0 [pure virtual]
- **~Epetra Comm**() [inline, virtual]



Comm Implementations



Three current implementations of Petra_Comm:

- **Epetra_SerialComm:**
 - Allows easy simultaneous support of serial and parallel version of user code.
- **Epetra_MpiComm:**
 - OO wrapping of C MPI interface.
- **Epetra_MpiSmpComm:**
 - Allows definition/use of shared memory multiprocessor nodes.
- **PVM version in the future.**



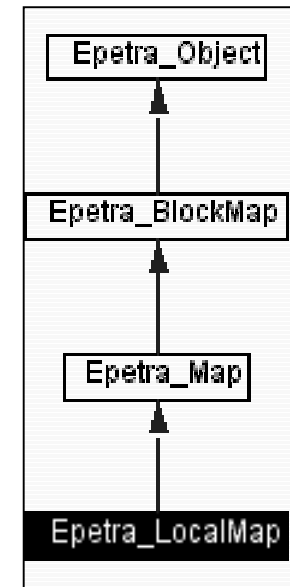
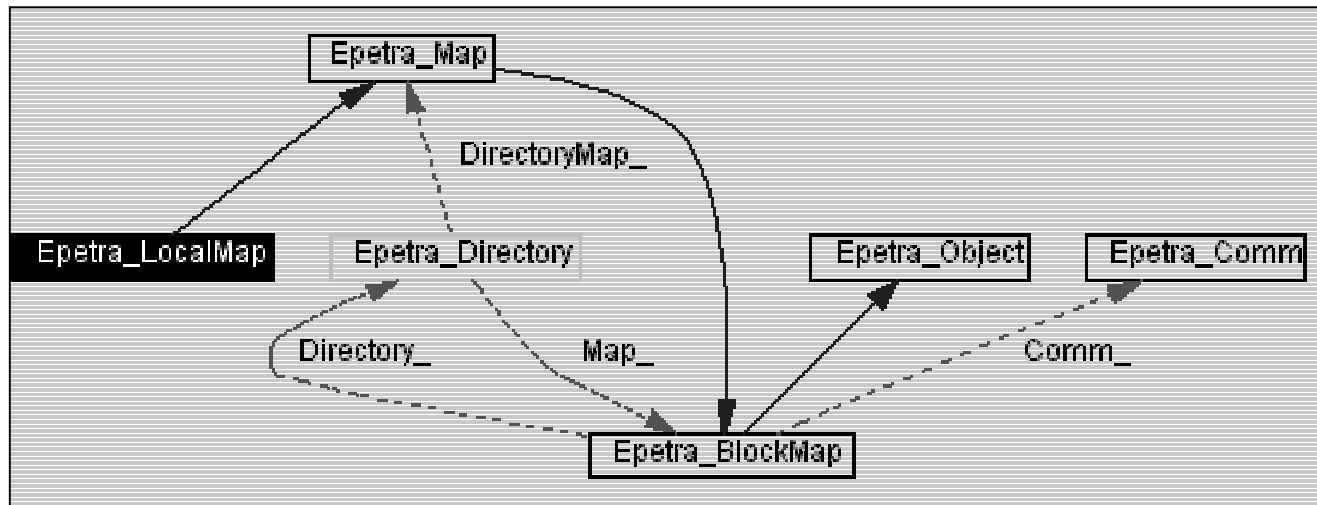
Map Classes

- **Epetra maps prescribe the layout of distributed objects across the parallel machine.**
- **Typical map: 99 elements, 4 MPI processes could look like:**
 - Number of elements = 25 on PE 0 through 2,
= 24 on PE 3.
 - GlobalElementList = {0, 1, 2, ..., 24} on PE 0,
= {25, 26, ..., 49} on PE 1. ... etc.
- **Funky Map: 10 elements, 3 MPI processes could look like:**
 - Number of elements = 6 on PE 0,
= 4 on PE 1,
= 0 on PE 2.
 - GlobalElementList = {22, 3, 5, 2, 99, 54} on PE 0,
= { 5, 10, 12, 24} on PE 1,
= {} on PE 2.

Note: Global elements IDs (GIDs) are only labels:

- Need not be contiguous range on a processor.
- Need not be uniquely assigned to processors.
- Funky map is not unreasonable, given auto-generated meshes, etc.
- Use of a “Directory” facilitates arbitrary GID support.

Epetra Map Collaboration Diagram & Inheritance Graph



Notes:

1. **Epetra_Object** is base class for all concrete Epetra classes:
 - Has labeling and ostream methods.
 - Maintains definitions of global constants.
2. **BlockMap** is the base map class.
3. **Maps** have **Epetra_Directory** to keep track of global ID distribution.



Types of Epetra Maps

- Two basic characteristic attributes:

–Local or not:

- A local map creates and maintains *replicated local objects*:
 - Object is the same across all processors.
 - Useful for some algorithms, Hessenberg matrix in GMRES, block dot products, etc.
- Non-local creates *distributed global objects*:
 - Object is distributed across all processors. This is what we think of as a “standard” map.

–Block or not:

- Block supports variable weight per element.
- Primarily used for sparse matrix whose entries are dense matrices.



BlockMap Ctors and Dtors

- **Epetra_BlockMap** (int NumGlobalElements, int ElementSize, int IndexBase, const Epetra_Comm &Comm)

Constructor for a Epetra-defined uniform linear distribution of constant block size elements.

- **Epetra_BlockMap** (int NumGlobalElements, int NumMyElements, int ElementSize, int IndexBase, const Epetra_Comm &Comm)

Constructor for a user-defined linear distribution of constant block size elements.

- **Epetra_BlockMap** (int NumGlobalElements, int NumMyElements, int *MyGlobalElements, int ElementSize, int IndexBase, const Epetra_Comm &Comm)

Constructor for a user-defined arbitrary distribution of constant block size elements.

- **Epetra_BlockMap** (int NumGlobalElements, int NumMyElements, int *MyGlobalElements, int *ElementSizeList, int IndexBase, const Epetra_Comm &Comm)

Constructor for a user-defined arbitrary distribution of variable block size elements.

- **Epetra_BlockMap** (const Epetra_BlockMap &map)

Copy constructor.

- virtual **~Epetra_BlockMap** (void)

Destructor.



Some Map Methods

Local/Global ID accessor functions

int **RemoteIDList** (int NumIDs, const int *GIDList, int *PIDList, int *LIDList) const
Returns the processor IDs and corresponding local index value for a given list of global indices.

int **LID** (int GID) const *Returns local ID of global ID, return -1 if not on this processor.*

int **GID** (int LID) const *Returns global ID of local ID, return IndexBase-1 if GID not on this proc.*

Size and dimension accessor functions

int **NumGlobalElements** () const *Number of elements across all processors.*

int **NumMyElements** () const *Number of elements on the calling processor.*

int **MyGlobalElements** (int *MyGlobalElementList) const
Puts list of global elements on this processor into the user-provided array.

int **IndexBase** () const *Index base for this map.*



Epetra Vector Class

- **Supports construction and manipulation of vectors.**
 - Distributed global vectors.
 - Replicated local vectors.
- **Can perform common vector operations:**
 - Dot products, vector scalings and norms.
 - Fill with random values.
- **Used with the Epetra Matrix classes for matrix-vector multiplication.**
- **Use in a parallel or serial environment is mostly transparent.**
- **Specialization of the Epetra MultiVector class.**



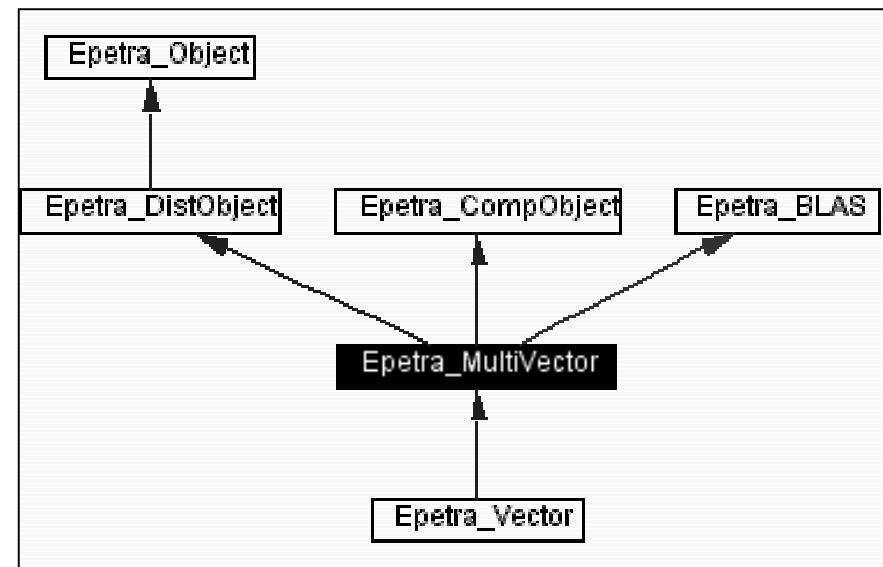
Epetra MultiVector Class

- **A multivector is a collection of one or more vectors with the same memory layout (map).**
- **Useful for block algorithms, multiple RHS, replicated local computations.**
- **A generalization of a 2D array:**
 - **If the memory stride between vectors is constant, then multivector is equivalent to 2D Fortran array.**
 - **Can wrap calls to BLAS, LAPACK in this class.**
- **Provides most of the implementation for the Epetra Vector class.**

Epetra Vector/MultiVector Inheritance Graph

Notes:

1. **Vector** is a specialization of **MultiVector**.
 - A multivector with one vector.
2. **MultiVector** *isa*:
 - a) **Distributed Object**.
 - Data spread (or replicated) across processors.
 - b) **Computational Object**.
 - Floating point operations occur (and will be recorded if user desires).
 - c) **BLAS Object**.
 - Uses BLAS kernels for fast computations.
 - d) More on common base classes later...





Epetra CrsGraph Class

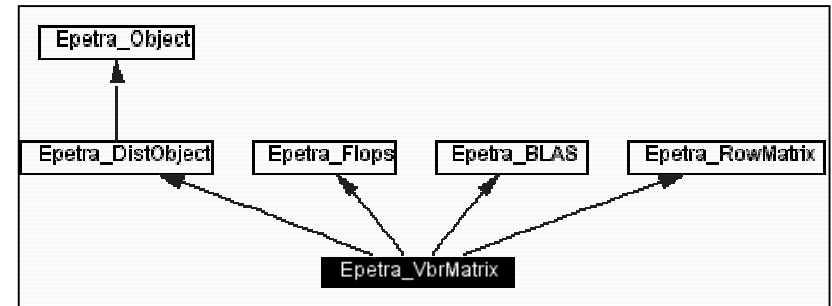
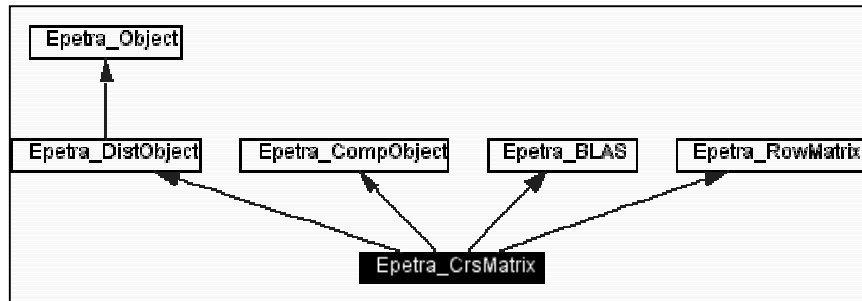
- **Provides “skeletal” information for both sparse matrix classes (CRS and VBR).**
- **Allows *a priori* construction of skeleton that can be used by multiple matrices and reused in future.**
- **Provides graph information used by some load balancing tools.**
- **Exists in one of two states:**
 - **Global index space.**
 - **Local index space.**



Epetra Matrix Classes

- **Support construction and manipulation of:**
 - Row based (Epetra_CrsMatrix) and
 - Block row based (Epetra_VbrMatrix) matrices.
- **Constructors allow:**
 - row-by-row or entry-by-entry construction.
 - Injection, replacement or sum-into entry capabilities.
- **Supports common matrix operations:**
 - Scaling.
 - Norms.
 - Matrix-vector multiplication.
 - Matrix-multivector multiplication.

Matrix Class Inheritance Details



CrsMatrix and VbrMatrix inherit from:

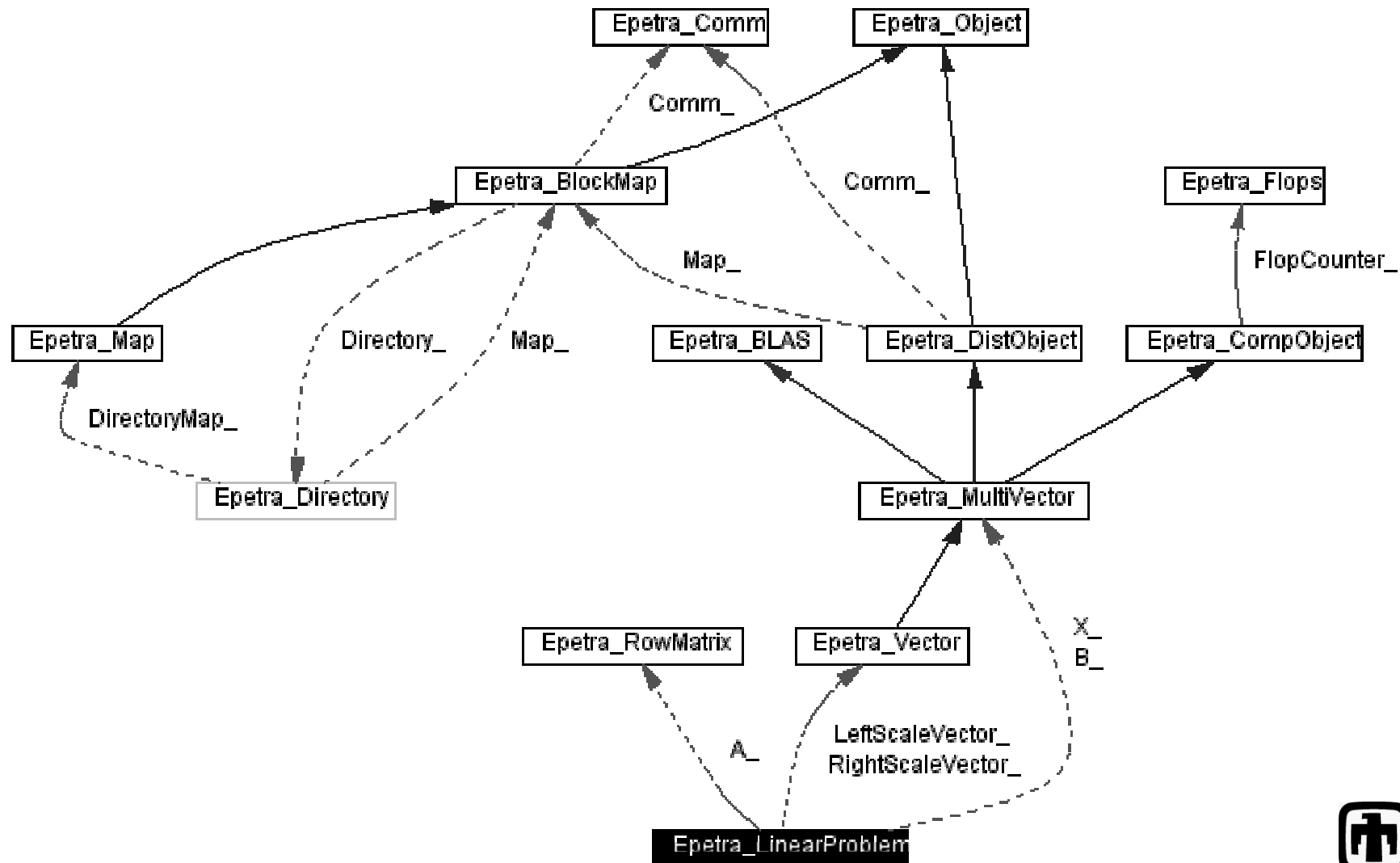
- **Distributed Object:** How data is spread across machine.
- **Computational Object:** Performs FLOPS.
- **BLAS:** Use BLAS kernels.
- **RowMatrix:** An object from either class has a common row access interface (used by AztecOO).



LinearProblem Class

- A linear problem is defined by:
 - Matrix A : An Epetra_RowMatrix object.
(but really a CrsMatrix or VbrMatrix object.)
 - Vectors x, b : Vector objects.
- To call AztecOO, define a LinearProblem:
 - Constructed from A, x and b .
 - Once defined, can:
 - Scale the problem (explicit preconditioning).
 - Precondition it (implicitly).
 - Change x and b .

LinearProblem Collaboration Diagram





Some LinearProblem Methods

Epetra_LinearProblem (**Epetra_RowMatrix** *A, **Epetra_MultiVector** *X, **Epetra_MultiVector** *B)
Epetra_LinearProblem Constructor.

void **SetOperator** (**Epetra_RowMatrix** *A)
Set Operator A of linear problem $AX = B$.

void **SetLHS** (**Epetra_MultiVector** *X)
Set left-hand-side X of linear problem $AX = B$.

void **SetRHS** (**Epetra_MultiVector** *B)
Set right-hand-side B of linear problem $AX = B$.

int **CheckInput** () const
Check input parameters for size consistency.

int **LeftScale** (const **Epetra_Vector** &D)
Perform left scaling of a linear problem.

int **RightScale** (const **Epetra_Vector** &D)
Perform right scaling of a linear problem.



AztecOO

- **Aztec is the workhorse solver at Sandia:**
 - Extracted from the MPSalsa reacting flow code.
 - Installed in dozens of Sandia apps.
 - 800+ external licenses.
- **AztecOO leverages the investment in Aztec:**
 - Uses Aztec iterative methods and preconditioners.
- **AztecOO improves on Aztec by:**
 - Using Epetra objects for defining matrix and RHS.
 - Providing more preconditioners/scalings.
 - Using C++ class design to enable more sophisticated use.
- **AztecOO interfaces allows:**
 - Continued use of Aztec for functionality.
 - Introduction of new solver capabilities outside of Aztec.



Some AztecOO Methods

AztecOO (const Epetra_LinearProblem &problem) *AztecOO Constructor.*

int **SetAztecDefaults** () *AztecOO function to restore default options/parameter settings.*

int **SetAztecOption** (int option, int value) *AztecOO option setting function.*

int **SetAztecParam** (int param, double value) *AztecOO param setting function.*

int **Iterate** (int MaxIters, double Tolerance) *AztecOO iteration function.*

int **NumIters** () const *Returns the total number of iterations performed on this problem.*

double **TrueResidual** () const *Returns the true unscaled residual for this problem.*

double **ScaledResidual** () const *Returns the true scaled residual for this problem.*



A Simple Epetra/AztecOO Problem

```
// Header files omitted...
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv); // Initialize MPI
    Epetra_MpiComm Comm( MPI_COMM_WORLD );
```

```
// ***** Map puts same number of equations on each pe *****
```

```
int NumMyElements = 1000 ;
Epetra_Map Map(-1, NumMyElements, 0, Comm);
int NumGlobalElements = Map.NumGlobalElements();
```

```
// ***** Create an Epetra_Matrix tridiag(-1,2,-1) *****
```

```
Epetra_CrsMatrix A(Copy, Map, 3);
double negOne = -1.0; double posTwo = 2.0;
```

```
for (int i=0; i<NumMyElements; i++) {
    int GlobalRow = A.GRID(i);
    int RowLess1 = GlobalRow - 1;
    int RowPlus1 = GlobalRow + 1;
    if (RowLess1!=-1)
        A.InsertGlobalValues(GlobalRow, 1, &negOne, &RowLess1);
    if (RowPlus1!=NumGlobalElements)
        A.InsertGlobalValues(GlobalRow, 1, &negOne, &RowPlus1);
    A.InsertGlobalValues(GlobalRow, 1, &posTwo, &GlobalRow);
}
```

```
A.TransformToLocal(); // Transform from GIDs to LIDs
```

```
// ***** Create x and b vectors *****
Epetra_Vector x(Map);
Epetra_Vector b(Map);
b.Random(); // Fill RHS with random #s
```

```
// ***** Create Linear Problem *****
Epetra_LinearProblem problem(&A, &x, &b);
```

```
// ***** Create/define AztecOO instance, solve *****
AztecOO solver(problem);
solver.SetAztecOption(AZ_precond, AZ_Jacobi);
solver.Iterate(1000, 1.0E-8);
```

```
// ***** Report results, finish *****
cout << "Solver performed " << solver.NumIters()
    << " iterations." << endl
    << "Norm of true residual = "
    << solver.TrueResidual()
    << endl;
```

```
MPI_Finalize() ;
return 0;
```

```
}
```



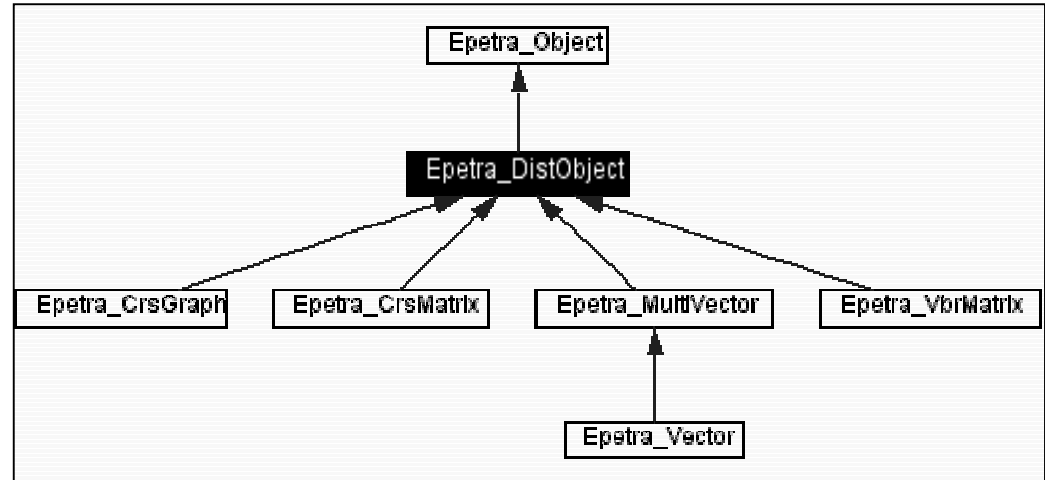
Additional Epetra Classes: Utility and Base

- **This completes the description of the basic user-oriented Epetra classes.**
- **Next we discuss some of the base and utility classes.**

Epetra DistObject Base Class

- Epetra has 5 user-oriented distributed object classes:

- Vector
- MultiVector
- CrsGraph
- CrsMatrix
- VbrMatrix



- **DistObject** is a base class for all the above:
 - Construction of **DistObject** requires a **Map** (or **BlockMap** or **LocalMap**).
 - Has concrete methods for parallel data redistribution of an object.
 - Has virtual **Pack/Unpack** method that each derived class must implement.
- **DistObject** advantages:
 - Minimized redundant code.
 - Facilitates incorporation of other distributed objects in future.



Epetra_DistObject Import/Export Methods

int **Import** (const Epetra_DistObject &A, const **Epetra_Import** &Importer, **Epetra_CombineMode** CombineMode)
*Imports an Epetra_DistObject using the **Epetra_Import** object.*

int **Import** (const Epetra_DistObject &A, const **Epetra_Export** &Exporter, **Epetra_CombineMode** CombineMode)
*Imports an Epetra_DistObject using the **Epetra_Export** object.*

int **Export** (const Epetra_DistObject &A, const **Epetra_Import** &Importer, **Epetra_CombineMode** CombineMode)
*Exports an Epetra_DistObject using the **Epetra_Import** object.*

int **Export** (const Epetra_DistObject &A, const **Epetra_Export** &Exporter, **Epetra_CombineMode** CombineMode)
*Exports an Epetra_DistObject using the **Epetra_Export** object.*



Epetra_DistObject Virtual Methods

virtual int **CheckSizes** (const Epetra_DistObject &Source)=0

Allows the source and target (this) objects to be compared for compatibility, return nonzero if not.

virtual int **CopyAndPermute** (const Epetra_DistObject &Source, int NumSameIDs,
int NumPermuteIDs, int *PermuteToLIDs, int *PermuteFromLIDs)=0

Perform ID copies and permutations that are on processor.

virtual int **PackAndPrepare** (const Epetra_DistObject &Source, int NumExportIDs, int *ExportLIDs,
int Nsend, int Nrecv, int &LenExports, char *&Exports, int &LenImports,
char *&Imports, int &SizeOfPacket, **Epetra_Distributor** &Distor)=0

*Perform any packing or preparation required for call to **DoTransfer**().*

virtual int **UnpackAndCombine** (const Epetra_DistObject &Source, int NumImportIDs, int *ImportLIDs,
char *Imports, int &SizeOfPacket, **Epetra_Distributor** &Distor,
Epetra_CombineMode CombineMode)=0

*Perform any unpacking and combining after call to **DoTransfer**().*

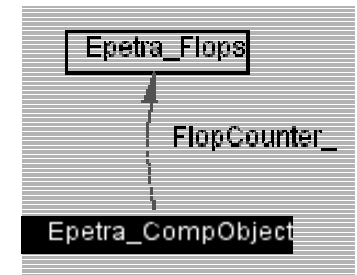


Epetra_Time and Epetra_Flops

- All Epetra computational classes count floating point operations (FLOPS):
 - FLOPS are associated with the *this* object.
 - Op counts are serial counts, that is, independent of number of processors.
 - Each computational class have a FLOPS() method that can be queried for the flop count of an object:

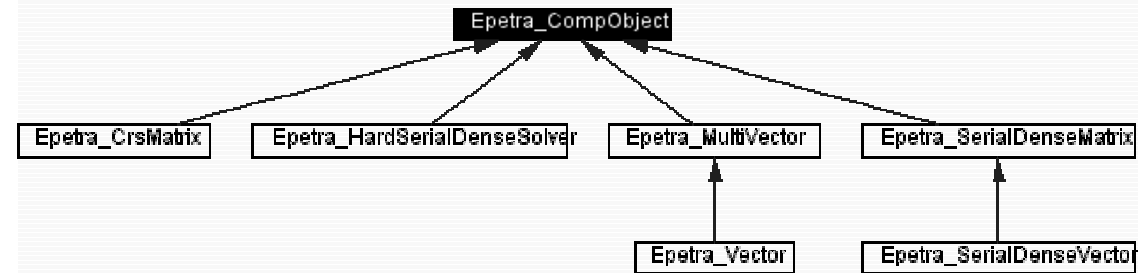
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Epetra_Vector V(map);  
Epetra_Flops counter;  
V.SetFlopCounter(counter);  
V.Random();  
V.Norm2();  
double v_flops = V.Flops(); // v_flops should = len of V
```

Epetra_CompObject Class



- Epetra has 8 user-oriented distributed object classes:

- Vector
- MultiVector
- CrsMatrix
- VbrMatrix
- SerialDenseVector
- SerialDenseMatrix
- SimpleSerialDenseSolver, HardSerialDenseSolver



- CompObject is a base class for all the above:

- Trivial constructor.
- Manages pointer to an Epetra_Flops counter object.
- Allows a computational object to donate its FLOPS to a specified counter.
- Any number of objects can be associated with a single counter object.



Epetra Serial Dense Matrix and Vector Classes

Epetra provides two types of serial dense classes:

- **(Thin)**
 - **Epetra_BLAS, Epetra_LAPACK:**
 - Provide thin wrappers to BLAS and LAPACK routines.
 - A single interface to any BLAS routine (There is one call to DGEMM in all of Epetra).
 - A single method for all precision types. (GEMM covers SGEMM, DGEMM, CGEMM, ZGEMM) Helps with templates.
 - Inheritable: Any class can be a BLAS, LAPACK class.
- **(OO)**
 - **Epetra_SerialDenseMatrix, Epetra_SerialDenseVector:**
 - Fairly light-weight OO Dense matrix and vector classes.
 - **Epetra_SimpleSerialDenseSolver:**
 - Straight-forward LU solver.
 - **Epetra_HardSerialDenseSolver:**
 - Careful implementation that provide OO access to robust scaling and factorization techniques in LAPACK.
 - **SPD versions of above.**



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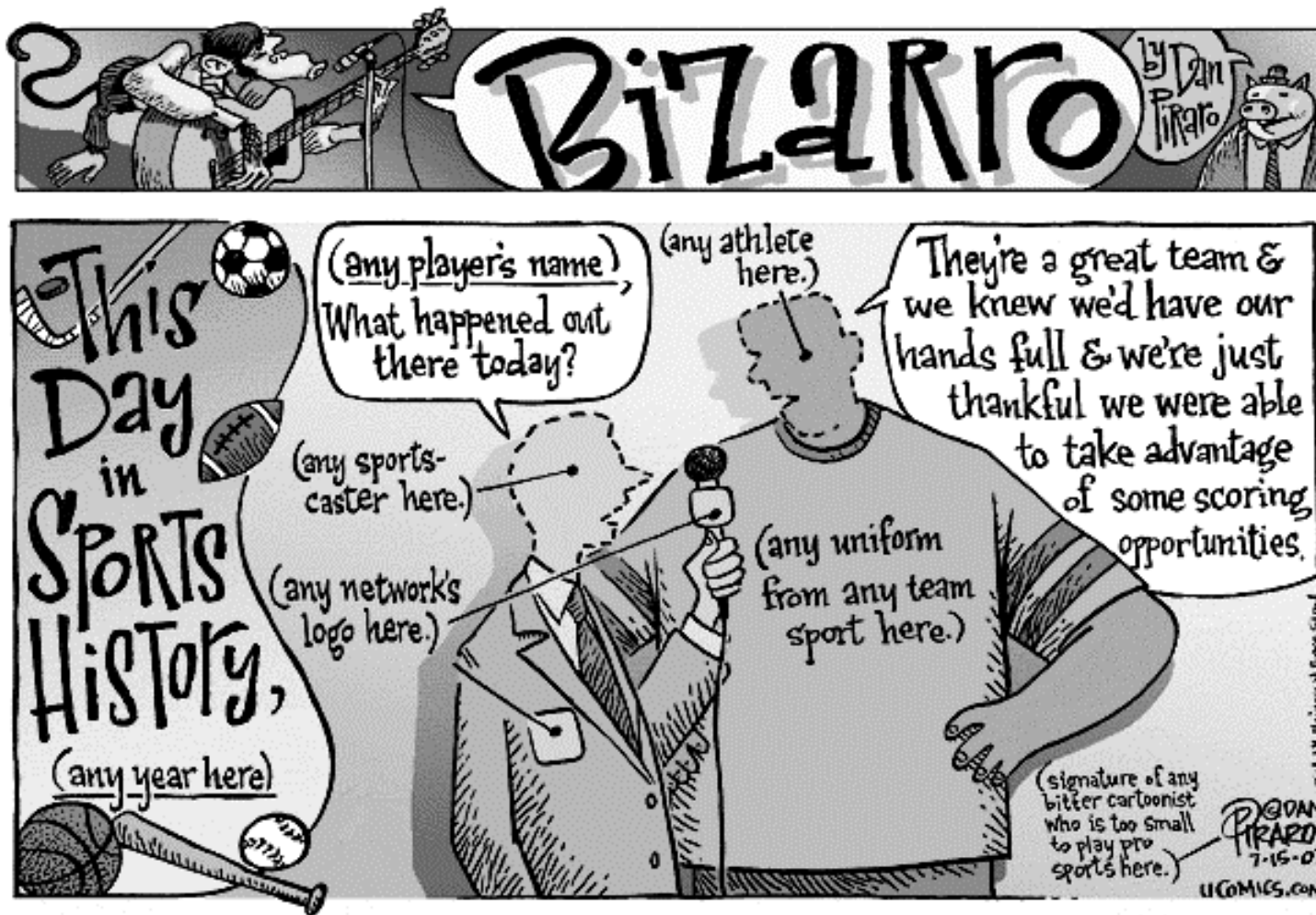
- **Petra vectors, multivectors, graphs and matrices are distributed via one of the map objects.**
- **A map is basically a partitioning of a list of global IDs:**
 - IDs are simply labels, no need to use contiguous values (Directory class handles details for general ID lists).
 - No *a priori* restriction on replicated IDs.
- **Given:**
 - A source map.
 - A set of vectors, multivectors, graphs and matrices (or other packable objects) based on source map.
- **Redistribution is performed by:**
 - Specifying a target map with a new distribution of the global IDs.
 - Creating Import or Export object using the source and target maps.
 - Creating **vectors, multivectors, graphs and matrices that are redistributed (to target map layout) using the Import/Export object.**



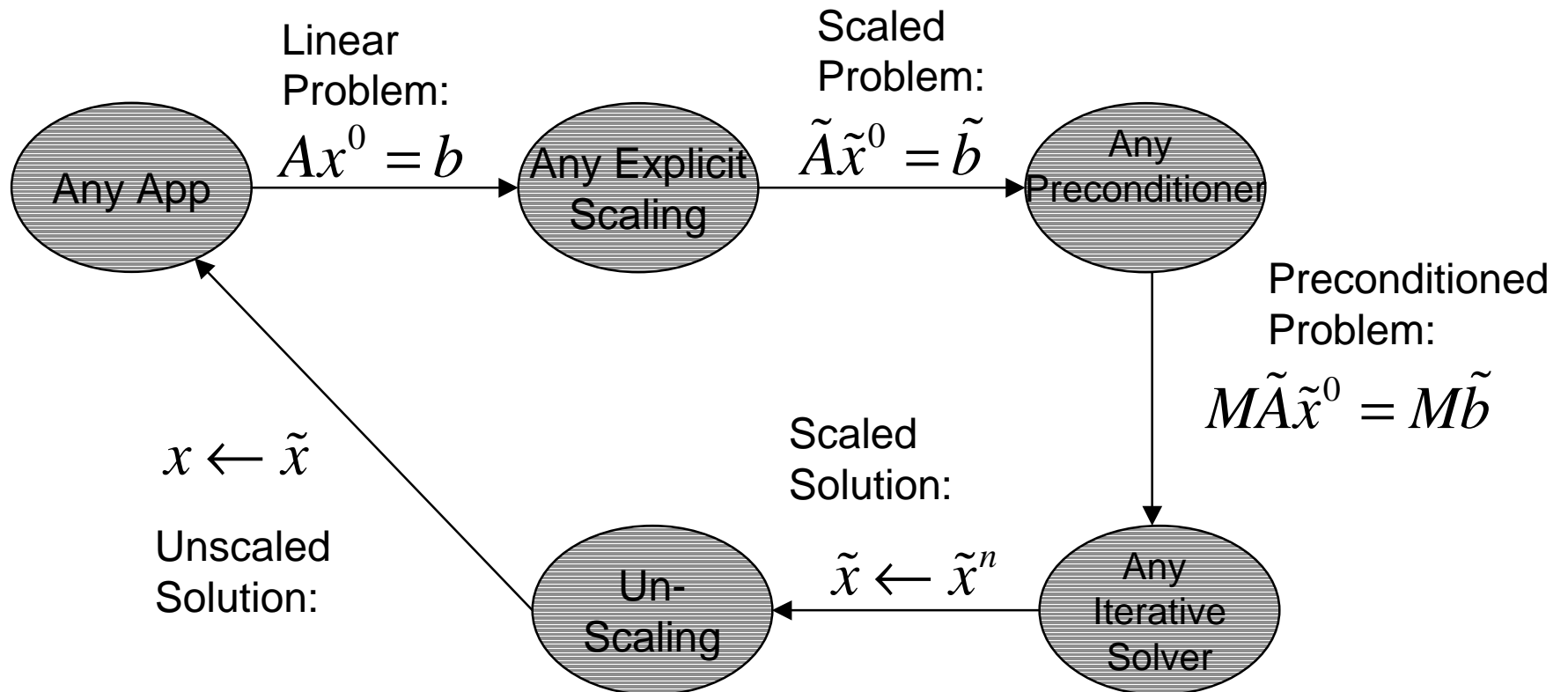
Import vs. Export

- **Import (Export) means calling processor knows what it wants to receive (send).**
- **Distinction between Import/Export is important to user, almost identical in implementation.**
- **Import (Export) objects can be used to do an Export (Import) as a reverse operation.**
- **When mapping is bijective (1-to-1 and onto), either Import or Export is appropriate.**

Sports Interview Component Model



Linear Solver Component Model





The Trilinos Solver Framework (TSF)

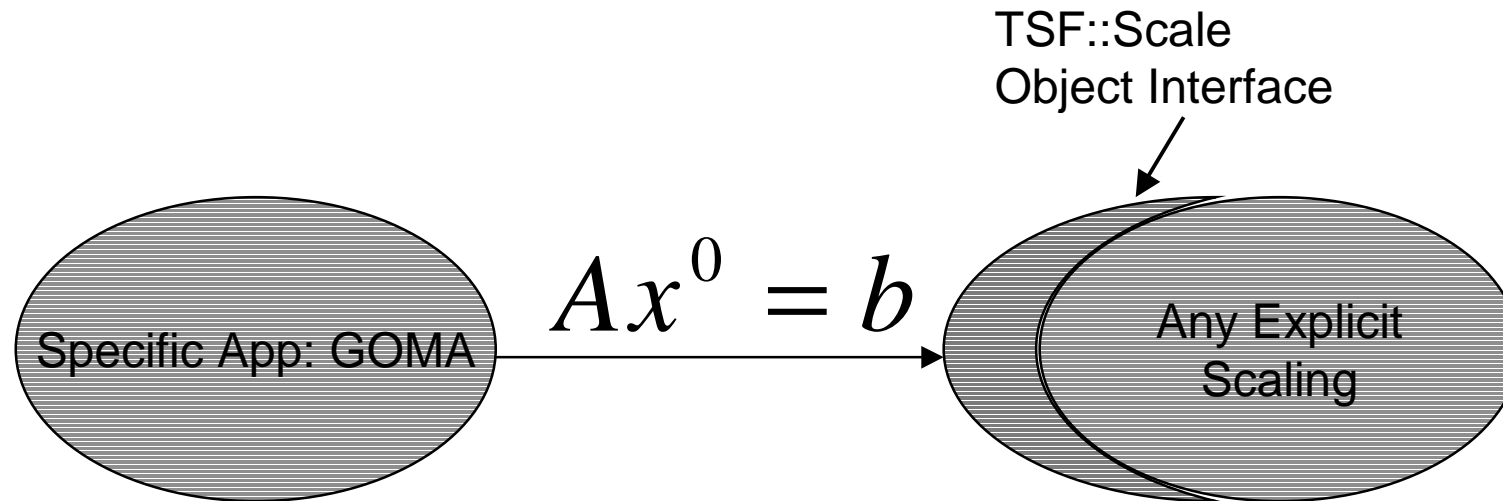
- TSF specifies a set of abstract classes for:
 - ParameterList (simple database).
 - Multivector (generalization of vector).
 - Operator. (base transformation class).
 - Problem (primary control class).
 - And specializations of these classes.
- These interfaces prescribe:
 - What these objects should do.
 - How they are related.
- *But do not specify the implementation.*



TSF Abstract Class Hierarchy

- **TSF::ParameterList** – Encapsulates parameter information for solvers.
- **TSF::MultiVector** – Abstract multivector class.
 - **TSF::Vector** – Specialization of MultiVector.
- **TSF::Operator** – Most basic of transformation classes.
 - **TSF::LinOperator** – Specialization of Operator.
 - **TSF::Matrix** – Specialization of LinOperator.
 - **TSF::RowAccessMatrix** – Specialization of Matrix.
 - **TSF::Preconditioner**
 - **TSF::Scale**
 - **TSF::Solver**
 - **TSF::LinSolver**
 - **TSF::IterLinSolver**
- **TSF::Problem** – Encapsulates all required info to define problem.
 - **TSF::LinProblem**
 - **TSF::PrecLinProblem**
 - **TSF::EigenProblem**
 - **TSF::NonLinProblem**

Abstract Interfaces



- GOMA can use TSF::Scale to define scaling without specifying implementation.
- However, we need real code to make this work...

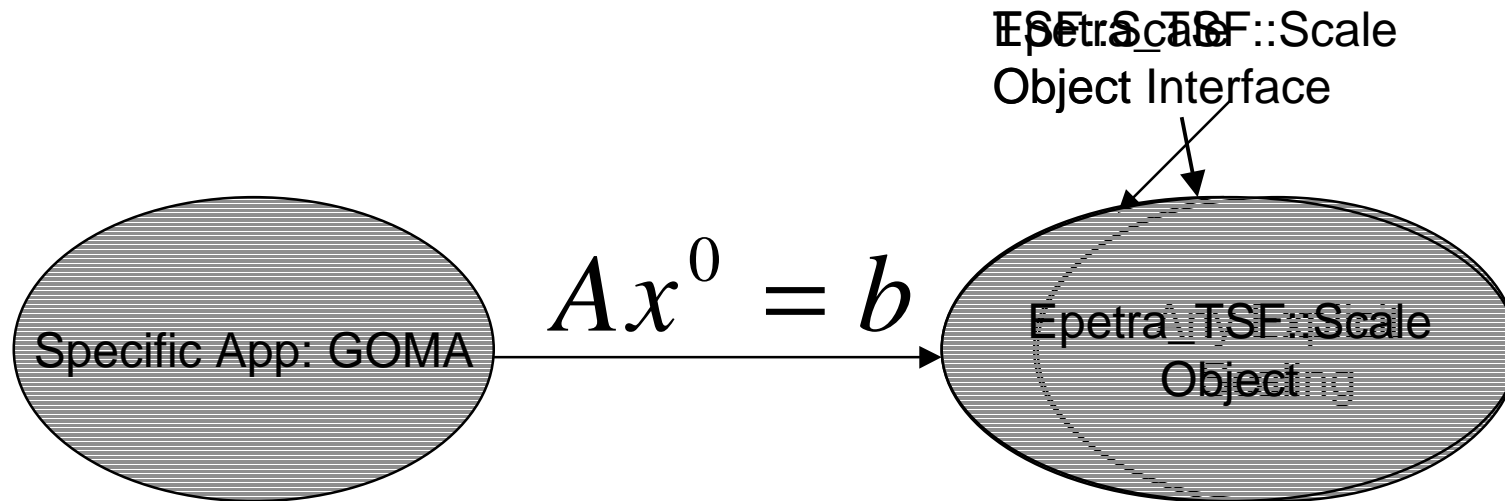


Concrete and Adaptor Classes

- Essential Epetra (Epetra) is a library of *concrete* C++ classes.
- Several Epetra classes provide a variety of scaling algorithms:
 - Real, working code.
 - Parallel, distributed memory.
 - Numerically robust.
- To use Epetra with TSF::Scale:
 - Write an *adaptor* class: Epetra_TSF::Scale.
 - Note: An Epetra_TSF::Scale object
 - *isa* TSF::Scale object (implements TSF::Scale interface).
 - *isa* Epetra object (calls Epetra methods).
- Note: PETSc, LAPACK, others also provide scaling (equilibration) techniques.



Epetra_TSF Adaptor Class



- The Epetra_TSF adaptor class:
 - Uses Epetra for functionality.
 - Satisfies the interface needs of Goma.
 - Requires only a relinking of Goma (or a change in the *Factory* options).
- Using LAPACK or PETSc would require a similar (small) amount of work to integrate into TSF.



Trilinos Summary

Trilinos provides a flexible model for delivering solver capabilities:

- **TSF Abstract Classes:**
 - Provides a single interface for applications.
 - Gives apps access to any solver implementing TSF.
 - Allows algorithm developers to use generic programming.
- **Concrete component class:**
 - Epetra, AztecOO, Anasazi, IFPACK, ML, etc.
- **Adaptor classes:**
 - We always have a default TSF implementation using our concrete classes (Epetra, etc.).
 - Can easily integrate new solver components with minimal code development.



Trilinos and the Outside World

- **ESI (Equation Solver Interface):**
de facto standard solver interface.
 - Epetra and AztecOO provide the first ESI-compliant implementation (thanks to Alan Williams).
- **TAO (Toolkit for Advanced Optimization):**
Argonne optimization package.
 - Epetra/AztecOO are being used (via ESI interface) for TAO solver services, along with PETSc implementation of ESI.
- **CCA (Common Component Architecture):**
Community effort to develop scientific SW components.
 - Epetra/AztecOO to become a CCA solver component.
- **Public Release of Trilinos/Epetra:**
 - We will release Trilinos/Epetra this fall/winter.
 - Using LGPL for licensing.
 - ML, IFPACK , AztecOO, Komplex, Anasazi , NLS will be (or are) going through the same release process.